

CLEAN VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A filter including a canister with a closed end and an opposite open end and ports for receiving fluid to be filtered and for discharging filtered fluid; a central standpipe with a distal free end toward the open end of the canister, the distal free end of the standpipe having attachment means; a cover enclosing the open end of the canister and having a central opening; and a filter element in the canister for filtering the fluid; and further including an indicator handle assembly, the indicator handle assembly having a body with: i) a collar extending through the central opening in the cover with corresponding attachment means which cooperates with the attachment means of the standpipe, and a handle which can be manually manipulated by an operator to attach the indicator handle assembly to the standpipe; and ii) a device responsive to fluid pressure within the filter canister, the device providing an indication of the fluid pressure in the canister exceeding a certain value indicating that the filter element is spent and needs to be replaced with a fresh element.

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) The handle indicator assembly as in claim 23, wherein the attaching means comprises screw threads.

Claim 25 has been amended as follows:

25. (Amended) The handle indicator assembly as in claim 23, wherein the fluid pressure responsive device is moveable within the body, and the handle constrains the fluid pressure responsive device to only axial movement in the body.

Claim 26 has been amended as follows:

26. (Amended) The handle indicator assembly as in claim 23, wherein the handle comprises a rod supported transversely to a central axis of the body.

Claim 27 has been amended as follows:

27. (Amended) The handle indicator assembly as in claim 23, wherein the collar is unitary with the body.

Claim 28 has been amended as follows:

28. (Amended) The handle indicator assembly as in claim 23, wherein the body includes a transparent cap, and the pressure responsive device can be visually inspected through the cap.

Claim 30 has been amended as follows:

30. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, wherein the handle rod is supported transversely to a central axis of the body.

Claim 31 has been amended as follows:

31. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, wherein the body includes a pair of openings on opposite sides of the body, the handle rod being closely received through the pair of openings.

Claim 32 has been amended as follows:

32. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, wherein the handle rod constrains the button to only axial movement in the body.

Claim 33 has been amended as follows:

33. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, wherein the body also has an opening at another end, and further including a transparent cap removeably attached to the body and enclosing the opening at the other end of the body, and wherein the movement of the button can be visually confirmed through the transparent cap.

Claim 34 has been amended as follows:

34. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, and further including an annular seal between the button and the body.

Claim 35 has been amended as follows:

35. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, wherein the body has a central axis, and the button has a slot elongated in the axial direction and extending radially through the button, and the handle rod extends through the slot in the button and is supported by the body such that the button has only axial movement within the body.

Claim 36 has been amended as follows:

36. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, wherein the handle portion is integral with the mechanical indicator portion.

Claim 37 has been amended as follows:

37. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, wherein the collar is unitary with the body.

Claim 38 has been amended as follows:

38. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, and further including a spring biasing the button into a fresh element position, the button moveable against the spring into a spent element position when the fluid pressure exceeds the predetermined value.

Claim 39 has been amended as follows:

39. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 29, and further including a pair of catches on the button that engage the body to retain the button in the spent element position.

Claim 40 has been amended as follows:

40. (Amended) The T-handle indicator assembly as in claim 39, wherein the catches can be moveably manipulated to allow the button to return to the fresh element position.